

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

City of Eau Claire
City Council
10/19/2021



EAU CLAIRE GFOA Guiding Principles

- ARPA funds are non-recurring so their use should be applied primarily to non-recurring expenditures.
 - Care should be taken to avoid creating new programs or add-ons to existing programs that require an ongoing financial commitment.
 - Use of ARPA funds to cover operating deficits caused by COVID-19 should be considered temporary and additional budget restraint may be necessary to achieve/maintain structural balance in future budgets.



EAU ARPA CLAIRE GFOA Guiding Principles

• Investment in critical infrastructure is particularly well suited use of ARPA funds because it is a non-recurring expenditure that can be targeted to strategically important long- term assets that provide benefits over many years. However, care should be taken to assess any on-going operating costs that may be associated with the project.



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- ARPA Scanning and Partnering Efforts. State and local jurisdictions should be aware of plans for ARPA funding throughout their communities.
 - Local jurisdictions should be cognizant of state-level ARPA efforts, especially regarding infrastructure, potential enhancements of state funding resources, and existing or new state law requirements.



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 Consider regional initiatives, including partnering with other ARPA recipients. It is possible there are many beneficiaries of ARPA funding within your community, such as schools, transportation agencies and local economic development authorities. Be sure to understand what they are planning and augment their efforts; alternatively, creating cooperative spending plans to enhance the structural financial condition of your community.



EAU CLAIRE GFOA Guiding Principles

- Take Time and Careful Consideration.
 - Use other dedicated grants and programs first whenever possible and save ARPA funds for priorities not eligible for other federal and state assistance programs.
 - Whenever possible, expenditures related to the ARPA funding should be spread over the qualifying period (through December 31, 2024) to enhance budgetary and financial stability.
 - Adequate time should be taken to carefully consider all alternatives for the prudent use of ARPA funding prior to committing the resources to ensure the best use of the temporary funding.



EAU ARPA CLAIRE Eligible Uses & Activities

- To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality
 - Identify a need or negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
 - Identify how the program, service, or other intervention addresses the identified need or impact.



EAU ARPA CLAIRE Eligible Uses & Activities

- Business
 - Address impacts to small businesses
 - Address impacts to unemployed workers
- Charity Address impacts to non-profits
- Common Good
 - Address disparities in public health outcomes
 - Address educational disparities
 - · Behavioral health care
 - Services to address homelessness
- Health
 - Public health needs related to COVID-19
 - Safety measures in key congregate settings/workplaces



- Home/Family
 - Address impacts to households
 - Affordable housing development
 - Promote healthy childhood environments
- Infrastructure Capital investments in public facilities
- Leisure/Tourism
 - Address impacts to hospitality industry
 - Address impacts to tourism-related entities



EAU ARPA CLAIRE Eligible Uses & Activities

- To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
 - Premium pay for eligible health care workers
 - Premium pay for eligible municipal employees
 - Premium pay for eligible third-party workers



EAU ARPA CLAIRE Eligible Uses & Activities

- For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency
 - Government services can include, but are not limited to,
 - maintenance of infrastructure
 - pay-go spending for building new infrastructure, including roads
 - modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure



EAU ARPA Eligible Uses & Activities

- health services
- environmental remediation
- school or educational services
- provision of police, fire, and other public safety services.
- Ineligible Expenditures
 - paying interest or principal on outstanding debt
 - replenishing rainy day or other reserve funds
 - paying settlements or judgments
- Estimate \$15.14 million in revenue loss



EAU ARPA Eligible Uses & Activities

- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
 - Investments in broadband infrastructure
 - Investments in sanitary sewer infrastructure
 - Investments in storm sewer infrastructure
 - Investments in water infrastructure



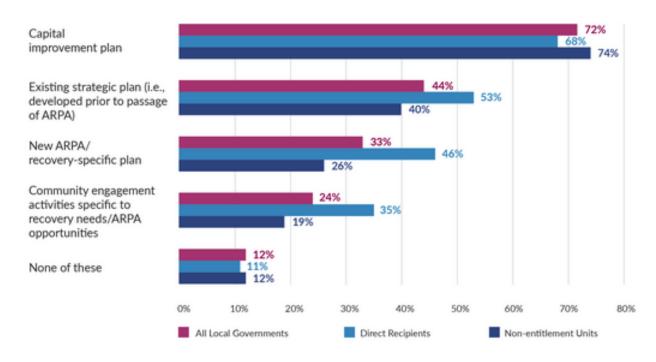
 Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026



ARPA National Perspective

ICMA Survey – 530 City and Town Managers responded

Is your local government using any of the following tools/approaches in planning for use of fiscal recovery funds?





ARPANational Perspective

In which of the following categories of eligible expenses is your local government actively considering spending its allocation of funding?

Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

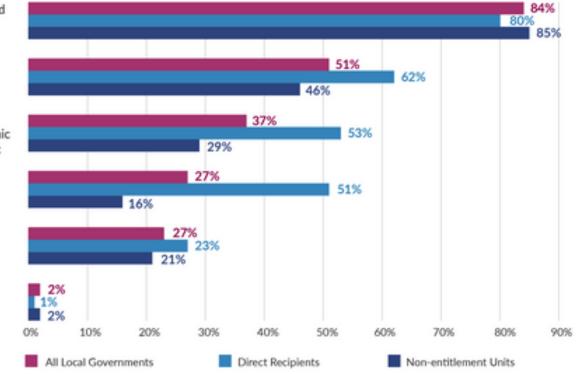
Replacing lost public sector revenue

Addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency

Supporting public health expenditures

Providing premium pay for essential workers

None of these at this time





EAU CLAIRENational Perspective

Which of the following types of projects/priorities is your local government looking to support with ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds?

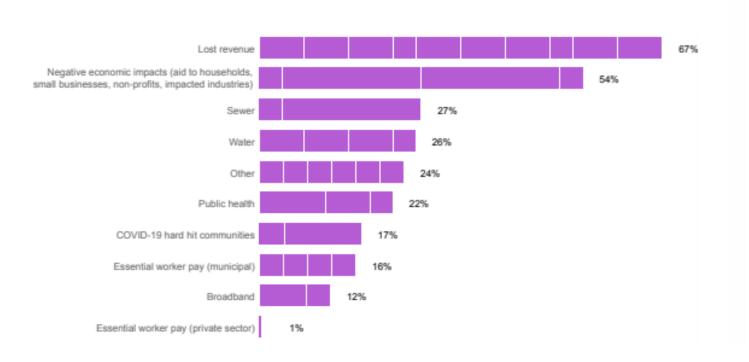
	All Local Governments	Direct Recipients	Non-entitlement Units
Water and sewer infrastructure	74%	67%	78%
Public safety equipment	33%	38%	30%
Broadband infrastructure	31%	45%	25%
Small businesses	28%	43%	21%
Housing and neighborhoods	26%	42%	17%
Other capital improvements	25%	31%	24%
COVID-19 mitigation and containment	25%	41%	17%
Nonprofit support	24%	41%	16%
Tourism, travel, and hospitality industries	21%	27%	18%
Improving remote work capacity	21%	24%	19%
Cybersecurity capacity	16%	16%	16%
Families and household assistance	15%	27%	9%
Behavioral or mental health	14%	28%	7%
Other specific priority	11%	17%	9%
Rehiring government staff	9%	12%	7%
Educational disparities	4%	4%	4%
Total	537	173	364



EAU ARPA CLAIRE National Perspective

City Fiscal Conditions 2021 – National League of Cities

FIGURE 7. WHAT ARE YOUR CITY'S TOP THREE SPENDING PRIORITIES FOR THE ARPA LOCAL RELIEF FUND?





EAU ARPA CLAIRE Public Engagement

- Listening Session on Thursday, September 9th
- Public Budget Exercise (September 10th October 11th)
 - 394 responses
- Randomized Survey
 - Invitations mailed to 1,200 properties
 - Needed about 250 responses
 - Received 49 responses



EAU CLAIRE ARPA Public Survey Responses

Address impacts to small businesses	\$ 12.35	
Behavioral health care (mental health/substance abuse/domestic violence)	\$ 8.88	-28%
Affordable housing development	\$ 8.13	-8%
Make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure	\$ 7.86	-3%
Address impacts to households	\$ 7.15	-9%
Services to address homelessness	\$ 6.20	-13%
Address impacts to non-profits	\$ 5.25	-15%
Make necessary investments in water infrastructure	\$ 4.76	-9%
Premium pay for eligible health care workers	\$ 4.61	-3%
Public health needs related to COVID-19	\$ 4.61	0%
Promote healthy childhood environments	\$ 3.82	-17%
Address educational disparities	\$ 3.63	-5%
Address disparities in public health outcomes	\$ 2.79	-23%
Premium pay for eligible municipal employees	\$ 2.77	0%
Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs	\$ 2.69	-3%
Address impacts to tourism-related entities	\$ 2.68	0%
Make necessary investments in sanitary sewer infrastructure	\$ 2.67	0%
Make necessary investments in storm sewer infrastructure	\$ 2.51	-6%
Premium pay for eligible third-party workers	\$ 1.78	-29%
Address impacts to hospitality industry	\$ 1.76	-1%
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Safety measures in key congregate settings/workplaces	\$ 1.33	-18%



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Address impacts to unemployed workers	\$ 1.63
Safety measures in key congregate settings/workplaces	\$ 1.33
	\$ 4.54



EAU ARPA CLAIRE Random Survey Resp.

\$ 10.20
\$ 9.59
\$ 8.33
\$ 6.59
\$ 5.55
\$ 5.29
\$ 5.22
\$ 5.10
\$ 4.92
\$ 4.49
\$ 4.45
\$ 4.33
\$ 4.31
\$ 3.73
\$ 3.10
\$ 2.98
\$ 2.57
\$ 2.37
\$ 2.33
\$ 1.73
\$ 1.69
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EAU ARPA CLAIRE Random Survey Resp.

Address impacts to small businesses	\$ 10.20	
Behavioral health care (mental health/substance abuse/domestic violence)	\$ 9.59	-6%
Affordable housing development	\$ 8.33	-13%
Make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure	\$ 6.59	-21%
Make necessary investments in water infrastructure	\$ 5.55	-16%
Address impacts to hospitality industry	\$ 5.29	-5%
Address educational disparities	\$ 5.22	-1%
Make necessary investments in sanitary sewer infrastructure	\$ 5.10	-2%
Address impacts to non-profits	\$ 4.92	-4%
Services to address homelessness	\$ 4.49	-9%
Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs	\$ 4.45	-1%
Public health needs related to COVID-19	\$ 4.33	-3%
Make necessary investments in storm sewer infrastructure	\$ 4.31	0%
Promote healthy childhood environments	\$ 3.73	-13%
Address impacts to households	\$ 3.10	-17%
Premium pay for eligible municipal employees	\$ 2.98	-4%
Address disparities in public health outcomes	\$ 2.57	-14%
Premium pay for eligible health care workers	\$ 2.37	-8%
Address impacts to unemployed workers	\$ 2.33	-2%
Address impacts to tourism-related entities	\$ 1.73	-25%
Safety measures in key congregate settings/workplaces	\$ 1.69	-2%
Premium pay for eligible third-party workers	\$ 0.51	-70%



EAU ARPA CLAIRE Random Survey Resp.

Address impacts to small businesses	\$ 10.20
Behavioral health care (mental health/substance abuse/domestic violence)	\$ 9.59
Affordable housing development	\$ 8.33
Make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure	\$ 6.59
Make necessary investments in water infrastructure	\$ 5.55
Address impacts to hospitality industry	\$ 5.29
Address educational disparities	\$ 5.22
Make necessary investments in sanitary sewer infrastructure	\$ 5.10
Address impacts to non-profits	\$ 4.92
Services to address homelessness	\$ 4.49
Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs	\$ 4.45
Public health needs related to COVID-19	\$ 4.33
Make necessary investments in storm sewer infrastructure	\$ 4.31
Promote healthy childhood environments	\$ 3.73
Address impacts to households	\$ 3.10
Premium pay for eligible municipal employees	\$ 2.98
Address disparities in public health outcomes	\$ 2.57
Premium pay for eligible health care workers	\$ 2.37
Address impacts to unemployed workers	\$ 2.33
Address impacts to tourism-related entities	\$ 1.73
Safety measures in key congregate settings/workplaces	\$ 1.69
Premium pay for eligible third-party workers	\$ 0.51
	\$ 4.52



Address impacts to small businesses	\$ 12.11
Behavioral health care (mental health/substance abuse/domestic violence)	\$ 8.96
Affordable housing development	\$ 8.15
Make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure	\$ 7.72
Address impacts to households	\$ 6.70
Services to address homelessness	\$ 6.01
Address impacts to non-profits	\$ 5.21
Make necessary investments in water infrastructure	\$ 4.84
Public health needs related to COVID-19	\$ 4.58
Premium pay for eligible health care workers	\$ 4.37
Promote healthy childhood environments	\$ 3.81
Address educational disparities	\$ 3.81
Make necessary investments in sanitary sewer infrastructure	\$ 2.94
Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs	\$ 2.88
Premium pay for eligible municipal employees	\$ 2.80
Address disparities in public health outcomes	\$ 2.76
Make necessary investments in storm sewer infrastructure	\$ 2.71
Address impacts to tourism-related entities	\$ 2.57
Address impacts to hospitality industry	\$ 2.15
Address impacts to unemployed workers	\$ 1.70
Premium pay for eligible third-party workers	\$ 1.64
Safety measures in key congregate settings/workplaces	\$ 1.37



Address impacts to small businesses	\$ 12.11	
Behavioral health care (mental health/substance abuse/domestic violence)	\$ 8.96	-26%
Affordable housing development	\$ 8.15	-9%
Make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure	\$ 7.72	-5%
Address impacts to households	\$ 6.70	-13%
Services to address homelessness	\$ 6.01	-10%
Address impacts to non-profits	\$ 5.21	-13%
Make necessary investments in water infrastructure	\$ 4.84	-7%
Public health needs related to COVID-19	\$ 4.58	-5%
Premium pay for eligible health care workers	\$ 4.37	-5%
Promote healthy childhood environments	\$ 3.81	-13%
Address educational disparities	\$ 3.81	0%
Make necessary investments in sanitary sewer infrastructure	\$ 2.94	-23%
Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs	\$ 2.88	-2%
Premium pay for eligible municipal employees	\$ 2.80	-3%
Address disparities in public health outcomes	\$ 2.76	-1%
Make necessary investments in storm sewer infrastructure	\$ 2.71	-2%
Address impacts to tourism-related entities	\$ 2.57	-5%
Address impacts to hospitality industry	\$ 2.15	-16%
Address impacts to unemployed workers	\$ 1.70	-21%
Premium pay for eligible third-party workers	\$ 1.64	-4%
Safety measures in key congregate settings/workplaces	\$ 1.37	-16%



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	\$ 4.54



Respondents Allocating Any Funds

Behavioral health care (mental health/substance abuse/domestic violence)	244	55.1%
Address impacts to small businesses	228	51.5%
Make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure	214	48.3%
Services to address homelessness	213	48.1%
Affordable housing development	188	42.4%
Make necessary investments in water infrastructure	175	39.5%
Address impacts to non-profits	167	37.7%
Public health needs related to COVID-19	161	36.3%
Address educational disparities	159	35.9%
Promote healthy childhood environments	152	34.3%
Premium pay for eligible health care workers	149	33.6%
Make necessary investments in sanitary sewer infrastructure	148	33.4%
Make necessary investments in storm sewer infrastructure	142	32.1%
Address disparities in public health outcomes	136	30.7%
Address impacts to households	120	27.1%
Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs	118	26.6%
Address impacts to tourism-related entities	113	25.5%
Address impacts to hospitality industry	111	25.1%
Premium pay for eligible municipal employees	102	23.0%
Safety measures in key congregate settings/workplaces	95	21.4%
Address impacts to unemployed workers	93	21.0%
Premium pay for eligible third-party workers	84	19.0%



Respondents Top Choice

Address impacts to small businesses	105
Behavioral health care (mental health/substance abuse/domestic violence)	85
Make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure	74
Affordable housing development	63
Make necessary investments in water infrastructure	46
Services to address homelessness	46
Address impacts to non-profits	45
Public health needs related to COVID-19	43
Address impacts to households	42
Address educational disparities	39
Premium pay for eligible health care workers	32
Promote healthy childhood environments	26
Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs	23
Address disparities in public health outcomes	22
Make necessary investments in sanitary sewer infrastructure	22
Make necessary investments in storm sewer infrastructure	21
Premium pay for eligible municipal employees	15
Address impacts to tourism-related entities	14
Address impacts to hospitality industry	10
Address impacts to unemployed workers	10
Premium pay for eligible third-party workers	10
Safety measures in key congregate settings/workplaces	7



EAU ARPA CLAIRE Process/Next Steps

- City Council establishes funding priorities
- City Manager recommends priority funding levels
- City Council allocates funding among priorities
- Development of specific programs
 - Internal
 - External RFP(s)
- City Manager recommends specific programs for funding
- City Council appropriates funds



Questions?